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DATE: September 28, 2008
TO: Legislative Finance Committee
FROM: Greg DeWitt
RE: Budget Amendments

BUDGET AMENDMENT ACTIVITY

As of September 22, 2008, the Legislative Fiscal Division has received timely notification of 37 certified budget amendments since the June 2008 Legislative Finance Committee meeting. The amendments increase total funds by \$0.9 million in FY 2008 and \$4.7 million in FY 2009. An additional 0.50 FTE in FY 2008 and 8.75 FTE in FY 2009 have also been added. Six amendment transfers existing authority between expenditure categories, seven extend previously approved amendment authority, two transfer authority between programs, and one reduces a previous budget amendment by \$16,025. Figure 1 summarizes the budget amendments certified from the December committee meeting through May 21, 2008.

Figure 1 Budget Amendment Summary (since last LFC meeting)		
Component	FY 2008	FY 2009
Number of Amendments	22	23
FTE Added	0.50	8.75
State Special	\$213,000	\$485,686
Federal Revenue	713,606	4,295,745
Proprietary	0	0
Total Revenue	<u>\$926,606</u>	<u>\$4,781,431</u>

Each amendment, along with a brief explanation, is summarized in the attached table. Staff has reviewed the amendments and has raised a concern with one amendment meeting statutory criteria. Staff has reviewed the amendments and has raised no concerns with any amendment meeting statutory criteria.

Figure 2 summarizes the budget amendments that have been certified for the 2009 biennium. The various approving authorities have added a total of \$73.8 million in the 2009 biennium.

Figure 2 Budget Amendment Cumulative Summary 2009 Biennium						
LFC Meeting	Number of Amendments	FY 2008	FY 2009	Biennium Total	FY 2008 FTE	FY 2009 FTE
October 9, 2007	78	\$8,859,101	\$1,775,075	\$10,634,176	24.50	5.81
December 11, 2007	33	15,631,470	4,398,952	20,030,422	11.01	6.04
March 6, 2008	37	6,457,834	5,929,552	12,387,386	12.62	7.92
June 5, 2008	34	19,791,198	5,273,476	25,064,674	1.64	7.37
October 9, 2008	37	926,606	4,781,431	5,708,037	0.50	8.75
November 18, 2008*	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
Total	<u>219</u>	<u>\$51,666,209</u>	<u>\$22,158,486</u>	<u>\$73,824,695</u>	<u>50.27</u>	<u>35.89</u>

* Tentative dates